

Representative Brady Brammer proposes the following substitute bill:

PROHIBITION OF THE PRACTICE OF CONVERSION

THERAPY UPON MINORS

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Craig Hall

Senate Sponsor: _____

Cosponsors: Eric K. Hutchings

Francis D. Gibson Mike Winder

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts provisions relating to conversion therapy for minors.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ prohibits certain health care professionals from providing conversion therapy to a minor.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

58-1-509, Utah Code Annotated 1953



25 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

26 Section 1. Section **58-1-509** is enacted to read:

27 **58-1-509. Prohibition on providing conversion therapy to a minor.**

28 (1) As used in this section:

29 (a) "Conversion therapy" means a practice or treatment that:

30 (i) (A) subjects a patient or client to physical discomfort through aversive treatment
31 that causes nausea, vomiting, or other unpleasant physical sensations; or

32 (B) provides electric shock or other electrical therapy, including electroconvulsive
33 therapy or transcranial magnet stimulation; and

34 (ii) is intended to change, eliminate, or reduce behaviors, expressions, attractions, or
35 feelings related to a patient or client's sexual orientation or gender identity.

36 (b) "Health care professional" means an individual who is licensed, or an individual
37 who provides mental health therapy as part of the individual's training for a profession that is
38 licensed, under:

39 (i) Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act;

40 (ii) Chapter 60, Mental Health Professional Practice Act;

41 (iii) Chapter 61, Psychologist Licensing Act;

42 (iv) Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act; or

43 (v) Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act.

44 (2) A health care professional may not provide conversion therapy to a patient or client
45 who is younger than 18 years old.